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205 S. W. 217; *Title Trust Co. v. Garrott*, 42 Cal. App. 152, 183 Pac. 470. This much can be said: a reasonable restriction on the use or occupancy of property is not considered void on grounds of "public policy" other than the policy against burdening land with incumbrances. *Wakefield v. Van Tassell*, 202 Ill. 41, 66 N. E. 830; *Los Angeles Investment Co. v. Gary*, *supra*. Nor is such a restriction as that in the principal case in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, which applies to states, not individuals. *Civil Rights Cases*, 109 U. S. 3, 11. In both kinds of restrictions, on alienation and on use, the form of the restriction, whether covenant or condition, is immaterial. See Joseph Warren, "Progress of the Law — Estates and Future Interests," 34 HARV. L. REV. 639, 652. But it seems that there is an inconsistency in giving effect to restrictions on occupancy while refusing to do so in cases of restraints on alienation. Cf. *Los Angeles Investment Co. v. Gary*, *supra*. This inconsistency becomes more apparent when it is realized that an exclusive occupancy practically amounts to a tenancy or a holding of possession as a grantee. See 8 CAL. L. REV. 188.

EQUITY — MAXIMS — CLEAN HANDS — LIMITATION OF THE DOCTRINE. — The defendant, X, contracted to buy of B land on which there was a first mortgage, for the avowed purpose of establishing a coal business. The plaintiff, A, owner of the adjacent premises, knowing of the contract and the purpose, entered into a restrictive covenant with B prohibiting the establishment of a coal business on the land. In a suit against B for breach of his contract X recovered a judgment which was satisfied. A had purchased the first mortgage, and in a suit to foreclose it the land was sold, upon motion by A, subject to the covenant to X whose objections to the covenant were ignored. A now brings his bill to have X restrained from breaking the covenant. Relief was refused below on the ground that A's hands were not clean. *Held*, that the decree be reversed. *Rubel Bros. v. Dumont Coal Co.*, 192 N. Y. Supp. 705 (Sup. Ct.).

The acts of A were of the sort that justifies invoking the doctrine of "clean hands." *Weegham v. Killifer*, 215 Fed. 168 (W. D. Mich.), *aff'd*, 215 Fed. 289 (6th Circ.); *Carmen v. Fox Film Corp.*, 269 Fed. 928 (2nd Circ.), *certiorari* denied, 255 U. S. 569. See 31 HARV. L. REV. 492. But cf. *Dering v. Earl of Winchelsea*, 1 Cox 318, 319. But the case can be justified on either of two grounds. The doctrine of "clean hands" embodies the concept that equity will not tolerate the use of its remedies to further a wrong. See *Primeau v. Granfield*, 180 Fed. 847, 852 (S. D. N. Y.). In order, however, that wrongful conduct may be aided it must be connected with the subject matter of the action. *Lyman v. Lyman*, 90 Conn. 399, 97 Atl. 312; *Upchurch v. Anderson*, 52 S. W. 917 (Tenn.). See *Bentley v. Tibbals*, 223 Fed. 247 (2nd Circ.). In the principal case the relief would not be an aid to plaintiff's wrong. The restriction placed upon the land at the foreclosure sale is distinct from the one attempted to be obtained in prejudice of the defendant's original contract. Secondly, of his two remedies under the contract X elected an action for damages. When his judgment was satisfied he no longer had any rights with respect to the land. *McLendon Bros. v. Finch*, 2 Ga. App. 421, 426, 58 S. E. 690, 693. See Amos and Benedict Dienard, "Election of Remedies," 6 MINN. L. REV. 341, 359. A's wrong consisted in his attempt to impair X's rights in the land. The covenant ceased to be a wrong simultaneously with X's termination of his rights. Thereafter equity by enforcing the covenant would not be aiding the plaintiff's wrong.

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